

75AD

DURANT

Josephus (now FLAVIUS) wrote
'The War of the Jews'.

C75-80

Flavian Amphitheatre (Colosseum)
was built on the site of the
ornamental lake of Nero's
Golden House

Began by Vespasian C75
Completed by TITUS 80 AD.

617 ft x 512 ft oval.

Gladiators fought until 704
It later was damaged many times

by earthquakes.

Titus developed a passion for a woman Berenice, a member of the Judean royal family. They had become lovers while Titus was in the East, but Titus did not call her to Rome until 75. For a short time Titus and Berenice, lived together in the imperial palace, but such was her unpopularity that Vespasian ordered him to send Berenice back to Judaea. The

he did, and refused to have further dealings even when she made a second visit to Rome after Vesparioni's death.

Friend of Peace dedicated.
Colosseum begun

c 75 AD \Rightarrow 80 AD.

Colosseum (Coliseum) was begun
by Vespasian.

Completed by his son TITUS
in AD. 80 617 ft \times 512 ft

near SE end of Forum between Palatine
and Esquiline Hills

c 45,000 seats. Encloses area 250 ft \times 150 ft
Gladiator contests till 404 AD.

Christians were thrown to the
beasts

C. 75AD

The last generation of priests
recorded astronomical observations
in cuneiform, and the ruined
city was abandoned.

75AD - 80AD

COLISEUM (COLOSSEUM)

C 75AD

^{TITUS} ^{80AD} was begun by Vespasian and finished by Domitian. It is a vast stone amphitheater (two theaters, face to face) for wild beast shows and games. It covers six acres, and the walls rise 150 feet. It seated 45,000 spectators. For centuries, in the Middle Ages, its ruins were used as a quarry for the palaces of Roman nobles, but its huge size has prevented its complete destruction.

4 - storied oval (617 ft x 512 ft)

Arena 250 ft x 151 ft. Gladiators until 404 AD.